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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME; 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month from October 28, 2003 to November 28, 2003, to respond to a Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application mailed on August 28, 2003.

Enclosed herewith is a check for the required fee of \$ 55.00.

Applicant(s) also conditionally petition(s) for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required.

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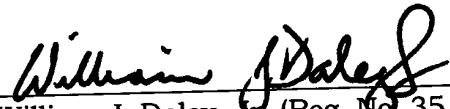
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If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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